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SUBJECT: 56TH ECOSOC-- RESOLUTIONS ON IWY CONFERENCE AND  
PROGRAM

1. SOVIET RESISTANCE TO RES III CALLING FOR UN SPONSORED  
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE DURING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR 1975  
(IWY) DISSOLVED IN FACE OF OVERWHELMING AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY  
COMBINATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, US AND WEO'S IN  
THE COSOC SOCIAL COMITE 44-0-5  
(USSR, MONGOLIA, KGDR, POLAND, BYELORUSSIA).
2. NEGATIVE VOTE OF SOVIETS CAST IN STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION  
(CSW) CHANGED TO ABSTENTION FOLLOWING SOCIAL COMITE'S REJECTION OF  
SOVIET EFFORT TO AMEND T AND T INITIATIVE  
BROADENING THE SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE AGENDA.
3. SOVIETS EXPLAINED THEIR OPPOSITION IN TERMS OF  
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND DESIRE TO SUBSTITUTE CONFERENCE WITH AN  
ITEM ON AGENDA OF 30 TH GA. THEY MADE NO MENTION OF WIDF SPONSORED  
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR EAST BERLIN IN 1975.
4. US INITIATIVE RE CONFERENCE AIDED SUBSTANTIALLY BY  
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T AND T AMENDMENT, BY LAST MINUTE AMENDMENT OFFERED BY THE CONGO

THAT RESTORED SOME OF ORIGINAL US WORDING TO RES, AND BY EFFECTIVE LOBBYING BY NIGERIA. COLOMBIA DEL GREATLY ASSISTED BY STATING HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PAY DIFFERENCE IN COST OF HOSTING CONFERENCE IN BOGOTA RATHER THAN UN NY. HE AMENDED RES TO INCLUDE MENTION OF COLOMBIA'S INVITATION TO HOST CONFERENCE.

5. RES REVISED AS FOLLOWS.

PARAGRAPH 1, LINE 1--REPLACE THE WORD "ORGANIZE" BY THE WORD "CONVENE". OP PARA 1, LINE 6--AFTER "ESTABLISHMENT, "REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING, "TO LAUNCH AN INTERNATIONAL ACTION PROGRAM INCLUDING SHORT-AND LONG-TERM MEASURES AIMED AT ACHIEVING THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN AS FULL AND EQUAL PARTNERS WITH MEN IN THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT AND AT ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, AND AT ACHIEVING THE WIDEST INVOLVEMENT OF WOMEN IN STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND ELIMINATING RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION."

REPLACE PARA 2 BY THE FOLLOWING--"FURTHER REQUESTS THE SYG, IN DRAWING UP THE AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE, TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON (A) THE EVALUATION OF CURRENT TRENDS AND CHANGES IN THE ROLES OF WOMEN AND MEN IN POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, FAMILY AND CULTURAL LIFE, INCLUDING SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECISION-MAKING AND (B) THE EXAMINATION OF THE MAJOR OBSTACLES WHICH HINDER THE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN AND MEN AS FULL PARTNERS IN THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT AND IN SHARING ITS BENEFITS IN BOTH RURAL AND UBAN AREAS."

NEW OP PARA 3--"ACCEPTS WITH APPRECIATION THE INVITATION OF COLOMBIA TO HOST THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN DURING IWY IN 1974."

CHANGE OLD PARA 3 TO NEW 4 AND REPLACE WORD "EQUAL" LINE 2 WITH "EQUITABLE."

ADD NEW PARA 4 AS FOLLOWS-- "CALLS ON THE SYG TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE FROM WITHIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES, AS INDICATED IN THE NOTE BY THE SYG (E/5487);" ENTITLED 'IWY' INCLUDING THE PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE BE EXAMINED AT THE 30TH SESSION OF THE GA IN 1975."

6. RES I ESTABLISHING PROGRAM FOR IWY 1975 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH CHANGES IN ORIGINAL TEXT AS IT APPEARS IN E/5451, E/CN.6/589 BASED ON SOVIET AMENDMENT (L/656) AND ORAL AMENDMENT BY BRAZIL. SECTION 1, PARA 1(C) REPLACE WORDS "TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF WOMEN'S INCREASING CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT ..."  
BY WORDS "TO INCREASE THE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN TO THE DEVELOPMENT ..."(CONSENSUS). SECTION IIB, DEVELOPMENT, DELETE PARA (M) (BRQAQZIL) RE USING REPORT OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STATUS OF WOMEN AND FAMILY PLANNING 19-6(US)-20(SEPTEL). TRANSFER PARA (Q) OF SECTION II B TO SECTION C (PEACE) A ND TRANSFER PARA (W) FROM SECTION C TO SECTION B (CONSENSUS).

SECTION IV PARA 32:

"(B) INSERT THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT THE BEGINNING OF PARA 32: ' A QUESTION ENTITLED ' STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE NEED TO ACHIEVE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN AND TO WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GOALS OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM, RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND OF COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES' SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA OF THE 30TH SESSION OF THE GA AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITME." (15(USSR)-0-31(US))

"ACCORDINGLY, DELETE THE WORDS OF THE GA AT QIT 30 TH SESSION IN 1975, AND '

"(C) REWORD PARA 34 TO READ:

'34. THE REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN AND THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA MIGHT PROVIDE A USEFUL EXAMPLE FOR OTHER REGIONS.' "(30(USSR)-0-13(US).

IN DEBATE ON THIS AMENDMENT US REPO CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT THAT SOV AMENDMENT DELETED REF TO DYNAMIC PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN UNDERTAKEN BY ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA AND URGED RETENTION OF THIS REFERENCE. SOV REP IN HASTY REVERSAL STATED RETENTION COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE TO HIM. DESPITE THIS TACTICAL REVERSAL, SOVIETS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THEIR OPPOSITION TO PROGRAMS AT REGIONAL LEVEL AS MATTER OF BASIC POLICY.

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